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MANCHURIA

Plague

Minister Rockhill at St. Petersburg reported, November 28, to the Department of State:

The Trans-Baikal Provinces and all Manchuria having been officially declared plague infected, the plague commission decided November 16 to prohibit the admission of Chinese workmen from Manchuria into the maritime provinces. No Chinese will be allowed to board trains on the Trans-Baikal Railway except at established observation points and upon presentation of certificates showing that they have been under observation for a period of 5 days.

Consul Greene at Harbin reports November 25:

The epidemic of plague appears to be spreading, most of the cases still occurring at Manchuria station and at the Jalai Nor coal mines, though there have been cases also at Jalai Nor station, at Hailar, Jalantun, and lately at Fuchiatien, the Chinese settlement adjoining Harbin, but situated outside the railway lands. During the period from November 10 to 23 the cases and deaths discovered at places within the railway concession, all on the western line, have been as follows:

	New cases	Deaths	Total since beginning of epidemic (Oct. 25)	
			Cases	Deaths
Chinese	282	291	400	391
Russians	7	6	10	8

In Fuchiatien the situation is becoming serious. It is stated that up to November 23 there had been 12 deaths in Fuchiatien, with 4 additional deaths occurring November 24. A sanitary committee made up of representatives from all classes of residents in the town has been formed, and compulsory cleaning is being enforced, 2 Russian physicians and 10 old-school Chinese doctors being retained to care for the patients. A hospital for the sick, and isolated quarters for persons who have been in contact with them, have also been arranged.

There is continual intercourse between Fuchiatien and the Pristan, as the lower part of Harbin is called, and where the sanitary conditions are highly unsatisfactory. The advisability of cutting off all communication between Fuchiatien and Harbin is being considered.

PERU

CALLAO—Plague—Smallpox at Salaverry

Acting Asst. Surg. Castro-Gutierrez reports December 6:

The following statement of plague at Callao and Lima was received from the director of public health:

November 13-26, 1910

Localities	Cases remaining Nov. 12	New cases	Recovered	Died	Remaining Nov. 26
Callao		1			1
.....	2		2		

Smallpox in epidemic form exists at Salaverry. All steerage passengers for Ancon, Canal Zone, or any port in the United States, are required to be vaccinated before embarkation.

Bills of health from ports south of Callao show as follows: Talcahuano, Chile, November 19, 9 cases with 1 death in previous 2 weeks; Mollendo, Peru, November 29, 3 cases of plague with 1 death in previous two weeks.

RUSSIA

Status of Cholera

Minister Rockhill at St. Petersburg reported to the Department of State, November 28 and December 3:

The official statement of cholera in Russia for the week ended November 12 shows 85 cases with 35 deaths, of which 6 cases with 7 deaths occurred in St. Petersburg. During the week ended November 19 there were 101 cases with 47 deaths in all Russia, of which 8 cases with 2 deaths occurred in St. Petersburg.

From the beginning of the epidemic to November 19 there had been reported for all Russia 215,566 cases with 100,679 deaths.

LIBAU—Smallpox—Examination of Emigrants

Acting Asst. Surg. De Forest reports, December 11:

During the week ended December 4 there occurred 1 case of smallpox at Libau.

For the steamship *Kursk*, sailing December 17, there have been examined 190 emigrants. No case of quarantinable disease was found among them.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN PROVINCE OF LUBLIN

Consul Heenan at Warsaw reports, November 29:

An outbreak of cholera has occurred in the Janowski district of the Province of Lublin. Official reports show 33 cases with 14 deaths to November 27. The disease has been bacteriologically verified. The governor of the province has forbidden the use of river and lake water in the infected district. House disinfection has been thoroughly carried out. Inspection of the neighboring villages has been ordered and a Government medical inspector has been sent to the infected district to take measures against the spread of the disease.

ODESSA—Plague

Consul Grout reports, December 5 and 12:

On December 2 there remained 8 cases of plague in hospital; on December 9, 4 cases. From the outbreak of the epidemic to date there have been 140 cases with 43 deaths.

VENEZUELA

CARACAS—Yellow Fever—Plague Rat Found

Chargé d'Affaires Whitehouse reported, December 10, to the Department of State:

During the two weeks ended December 3 there were reported 5 deaths from yellow fever.

During the same period 213 rats were examined for plague infection. Of this number 1 rat was found infected.